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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Anoka County Parks Programs and Activities**

Check out Anoka County Parks for fun seasonal programs and activities. To register or for more information, call 763-324-3350 or visit [anokacountyparks.com](http://anokacountyparks.com).

**Fat Tire Biking**

May 15, 4-6pm; Bunker Hills Regional Park; 13101 County Pkwy B, Coon Rapids

Ages 16+. Join us for a ride on our fat tire bikes as we cover basic riding skills. Riders will get the chance to ride off trail and explore more remote areas of the park. Pre-registration required. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

COST: \$25/person (+tax)

**Bird Walk Series**

- May 16, 9-11am; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park; 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids
- May 22, 5-7pm; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve; 7373 Main St, Lino Lakes

All Ages. Walk through one of Anoka County's beautiful parks with an experienced birder. Enjoy seeing or hearing 20-60+ species of birds along the way. A checklist of MN birds and a map of each area will be provided. All birding abilities welcome. Pre-registration required.

COST: \$5/person (+tax)

**Lunch with a Naturalist: Fish of Minnesota**

May 17, 11:30am - 1pm; Wargo Nature Center; 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes

All Ages. Do you ever wonder what lives below the surface of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes? Bring your lunch and come learn a bit more about Minnesota's piscine wonders! These monthly presentations will include local natural or cultural history information and possibly a relaxing stroll

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on the trails at Wargo. Any equipment that may be used will be provided. Pre-registration is not required.

**FREE!**

### **Discover Mothing**

May 19, 8:15-10pm; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park; 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

Ages 12+. Discover moths and other nocturnal invertebrates that are drawn to UV light. Mothing is a great way to explore the incredible diversity of nature. There are more than 12,000 species of moths in North America alone! Let us see how many different species can be identified. Pre-registration is required.

**FREE!**

### **Birding by Boat**

May 24, 9am-12pm; Wargo Nature Center; 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes

All ages. Anoka County has many great waterways and such great birding opportunities why not combine the two! We will paddle areas most other birders can't get to and see a variety of waterfowl, shorebirds, and upland bird species. No experience in boats, or birding, is required. Binoculars are available for use. Pre-registration is required. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

**COST:** \$10/adult (+tax), kids 17 and under are free

### **Community BioBlitz**

May 27, 12-1:30pm; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park; 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

Ages 12+. iNaturalist is a free community science app and a great way to track for flora, fauna, and fungal finds. Together we will download the app, practice making observations, and learn best practices. Then, we will head outside for a bioblitz to make as many diverse observations as we can. Pre-registration required.

**FREE!**

### **Wargo Nature Center Restoration Project Days**

June 3, 10am -12pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes

Ages 12+. Help restore the natural environment at Wargo Nature Center! We'll tackle different challenges each month, such as removing invasive species like buckthorn and garlic mustard, cleaning up our woodland wildflower gardens, or gathering native plant seeds. Pre-registration required.

**FREE!**

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### **Campfire Talks: Campfire Songs**

June 3, 7-8pm; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve; 7373 Main St, Lino Lakes

All ages. Join a naturalist at the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Campground amphitheater. Program includes a roaring campfire, interactive activities, and presentations enjoyable for the whole family.

FREE!

### **Turtle Picnic**

June 10, 11am-1pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes

Ages 5+. Learn all about turtles and celebrate with a Turtle Ice Cream Cake! Bring your own picnic cloth and lunch. We will search the trails for nesting turtles and meet a few live ones. Pre-registration required.

COST: \$8/parent and child; \$2 for each additional child (+tax)

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